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DEADLINE FOR SEVENTY ISSUE-----August 1

A Message from your President:

It is amazing! The new products in the coin market have the Hobby Jumping. Recently at a coin club banquet, while waiting for our food to come out of the kitchen the gentleman next to me was ready a coin magazine about errors in the Sacagewea Dollar. What! varieties all ready? Please! extra tail feathers?

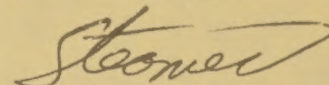
The new Quarter program has the same results. People looking for errors, Once the news makes headlines about 180 degree rotated reverses, letters missing , the search is on. One of my close fellow coin hobbyists calls me up late at night to tell me he has found a mjr error with the Delaware Quarter. In deed he has a nice find.

What I am Getting at is: These new coins have people who never collected coins, buying albums to put them in, buying subscriptions to coin periodicals, and now here is your chance to lure them to your coin club, Keep Numismatics Alive!!

Educate, Promote, and Enchance the Hobby. Do all that you can do. There will never be a greater opportunity than right now. Look what the quarters have done for the Hobby. With the 50 State quarter program in full bloom with its second year, it has people wanting all the past issues, Everyday more people are trying to find the first issues, Look at the price of the Delaware's and Pennsylvania's soar. This means the price of silver Washington's are on the rise.

I am also Very happy to hear that all the guest speakers for Norcal III are confirmed and eagerly awaiting to deliver their topics. The Youth Day is scheduled for Sunday July 30th with a Treasure Hunt and Youth Auction. Looking forward to another great show. Don't you miss it, see you there.

Numismatically yours,



SPECIAL APPEAL

Our Association's most esteemed honor, and now recognized as a true national honor in our hobby, is the 'Miller Medal', properly named the 'Ron Miller Memorial Award'. As President, it is my duty--a privilege--to call for written nominations for this year's potential two recipients. The criteria have been published before, and may be requested from our Treasurer and Editor, if necessary.

Please consider placing written nominations directly to my attention for consideration for the Miller Medal. There are certainly, and clearly, worthy numismatists here in northern California, who have earned the nomination.

Nominations must be writing, addressed to my attention, with as much evidence as possible. Mail to '2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 94520-2232'. Deadline June 30, 2000!

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

Dear Friends,

Greetings! In the January 2000 Issue of NCNA HEAD AND TALES, I editorialized on how you, *as a fellow coin hobbyist*, could be an effective, enthusiastic, plus energetic 'hobby mentor'. My Mintmaster's Quill provided three suggestions and ended "be an active and avid mentor for our hobby: assist, advocate, advise, plus advance our 'king of hobbies'. Just Do It".

Now, just as much as you, and each coin hobbyist, might be a 'hobby mentor', it is *equally imperative* that our local coin clubs be 'hobby mentors'. For in the security and surety of a local coin club, the club and its members have the finest and best opportunity to do the nurturing that is the real success of any mentor. Here are three thoughts. Each adaptable and advantageous as a local coin club may wish.

First, Encourage and Entice Free Distribution of Hobby Literature. In my prior Mintmaster's Quill, Your Editor advocated the recycling and reusing old outdated COIN WORLDS, NUMISMATIC NEWS, and THE NUMISMATISTS. For years, Your Editor has brought his to the local coin club meetings, and these have been readily received by usually those new to the club or hobby. Just Mark Out or Remove Your Address Label. Now, if several members in a coin club, and if the local coin club promoted same, brought periodicals, and multiplying the different interests and collecting, there could be much more than the aforementioned standard three national numismatic periodicals. One could have the SILVER BUGLE of the International Association of Silver Art Collectors (IASAC) or the TAMS JOURNAL of the Token and Medals Society (TAMS) or THE COMMEMORATIVE TRIAL of the Society for United States Commemorative Coins (SUSCC). You can see the variety of periodicals possible, maybe outdated, but still filled with useful articles, columns, and facts appealing to the novice. Again, recycling and reusing are trends; so, do a double: help reduce landfill and help introduce more about the hobby to someone.

Carrying this point to its maximum advantage, each local coin club should have one table, near the entry or where one could pause and skim, on which all donated periodicals, catalogs, newspapers, and magazines could be placed. At the end of the meeting, what was left could be collected and saved for the next meeting or for the show's 'freebee' table.

Second, Mentor Night. My local genealogical society learned that its members, while enjoying the regular series of speakers, really needed advise, answers, and assistance on how, or where, or when, or other that its members struggled. Genealogy demands much, and in time, and often, those involved learn the 'hard-way'. So, the local Solano County Genealogical Society has two or three meetings each year at which those more experienced or having expertise sit at a table labeled in a particular topic---researching military records, colonial ancestor sources, immigration files, or opening adoption papers---and offer advise, answers, and assistance.

Now, for our local coin clubs, how about a 'Coin Answer Night'. Those willing could sit at a table, or be badged, or whatever. Topics could be 'Grading Morgan Dollars', 'Bidding On E-Bay', 'Mailing Nightmares', 'Proper Coin Storage', or 'Best Albums'. See How Easy It Is! This becomes a 'double-winner' too: the members, and the club, mentor **and** the club has a successful program with a meeting time well-earned, not just spent!

Third, Mentor Members. Now, this one is goes to the 'heart' of what my prior Mintmaster Quill *and* this one expounded. The 'one-on-one' so necessary for successful mentor. When a new member joins, have him or her assigned a fellow member, preferably someone with both longevity and experience in both the club and the hobby. Let both be introduced and meet as soon as possible, even at the first meeting attended. Encourage both to exchange telephone numbers and contacts. At the next meeting, make sure the Mentor greets the new member, sits with him or her, or close-by, and makes the new member again welcomed to the meeting. Further, if this new member misses a meeting without explanation, then it is his or her Mentor's responsibility to contact and ascertain what happened.

This obligates commitment and conscientiousness, and candidly, not all are capable; however, in my receiving and reading volumes of local coin club newsletters, bulletins, and such over these past two decades, herein northern California, confirm that there are enough, *more than enough*, current coin club members who could be Mentor Members. I could fill this page with names, and have extras.

Well, these are only three suggestions. Each local coin club is different--true, some are small, some are simple, and sadly some are struggling, while others are sure and strong---yet, hobby mentor benefits all: the novice, the mentor, and the coin club, each educating, enhancing, and enjoying. As editorialized before, *'What Could Be The Rewards!'*

Numismatically Yours

Michael S. Turrill
Editor

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GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happening

NOR-CAL III INVITATIONAL COIN SHOW

Your Association has its Nor-Cal III this July 2000, and you are warmly welcomed to attend and to support what is hoped to become soon a major regional coin show on the West Coast, in the tradition of the famous Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) 'Cathedral Hill/Jack Tar' Shows of years ago. Here are the specifics to date:

SHOW *Third Annual Nor-Cal Invitational Coin Show*
Friday thru Sunday, July 28, 29, and 30, 2000 (Last weekend in July 2000)
Hours: Friday, 12:00 PM (Noon) to 6:00 PM
 Saturday, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and
 Sunday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sheraton Concord Hotel
45 John Glenn Drive, off Concord Avenue, Concord, California

CONTACTS: Bourse: Vince Lacariere @ '510-792-1511'
 Exhibits: Stan Turrini @ '707-453-6277'
 Dinner: Mike Stanley @ '925-825-0649'
 Information: Mike Stanley @ '925-825-0629' or Gordon Donnell @ '510-526-0538'

MAIL: Bourse: Fremont Coin Gallery
 3769 Peralta Blvd. Suite L
 Fremont, California 94536-3758
 Exhibits: PO Box 4104
 Vallejo, California 94590-3337
 Dinner: 2107 Gill Drive
 Concord, California 94520-2232

SATURDAY SPEAKERS: Five, or more, speakers are being scheduled for an *all-day* educational forum, emphasizing California History and Numismatics. The speakers will begin sharply at 10:00 AM and continue throughout the Saturday on a hourly schedule. Here are the speakers and topics (subject to change):

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| Alton Pryor | 'Lust and Lore of California Gold Rush Camps' |
| Robert J. Chandler | 'Wells Fargo: Gold and The Golden West' |
| Frank Heaney | 'Inside The Walls of Alcatraz' |
| Edgar D. Fulwider | 'Making Money: Inside The San Francisco Mint' |
| Jerry F. Schimmel | 'Brothel Tokens and Their Streets of San Francisco, and |
| Frank Strazzarino | 'Collecting Treasure Island World's Fair: What's Gold and What's Not' |
| <i>with Michael S. Turrini</i> | |

Note: The exact schedule will be published later, and some speakers are still tentative, with replacements possible. For specifics, write to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410' in late June 2000.

DRAWINGS: There will also be a gold coin drawing (raffle), with tickets sold at the Registration Desk and in-advance by NCNA Members. At the Show itself, there will be daily free door prizes drawings for numismatic books donated by fellow NCNA Member J.T. Stanton, Stanton Printing and Publishing.

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SHOW DINNER Continuing a tradition began at Nor-Cal II, there will be *Saturday Evening Show Dinner*, July 29, 2000, at 'Marie Callendar's, 2090 Diamond Blvd, with 6:30 PM No-Host/Arrival and 7:00 PM Dinner'. The cost remains only \$15.00 per person. Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr., American Numismatic Association (ANA) National Coordinator, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies (m/c), and this will be strictly social, with no speeches! *Reservation Form Enclosed With This Issue.*

SUNDAY 'Youth Day' New this Nor-Cal III will be Sunday afternoon, beginning at 12:00 Noon and continuing until closing, at 4:00 PM, events and activities for youngsters, under age 18 accompanied preferably with an adult, to enjoy, to learn, and to add to their coin hobby: a Youth Table, free gifts for youngsters, a Treasurer Hunt, a Youth-Only Auction, and much more! Dr. Ostromecki will be facilitating the Sunday afternoon 'Youth Day' events and activities.

ANA DISTRICT DELEGATE/CLUB REPRESENTATIVE With National Coordinator Dr. Ostromecki present, there will be a *early* Sunday morning brunch, no-host, gathering of American Numismatic Association District Delegates and Club Representatives. *Tentatively*, this gathering will begin at 10:00 AM, in the Sheraton-Concord Hotel's Atrium Restaurant. Details Have Yet To Finalized. The June 2000 STAN-O-GRAM, issued by ANA Regional Coordinator Michael S. Turrini, will publish the details.

SPECIAL JULY 1st MAILING With so much planned and being prepared for this year's Nor-Cal III, there will be special promotional mailing to all NCNA Members, Clubs and Individuals, with more details and specifics. *Watch For It!*

2000 DUES

Some Individual Members have yet to pay their 2000 Dues. If the mailing label reads '99', you still owe. Please remit \$5.00 to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Those who failed to remit by June 1, 2000 will be 'dropped'. *Thank You.*

NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Is set for 'Monday, May 15, 2000, at 6:30 PM', at Fremont Coin Gallery, 3769 Peralta Blvd., Suite L, Fremont, California'. This Board Meeting will commence when a full quorum is present, and, if space becomes crowded, be relocated to another close-by site. All Club Members---via their respective Club Delegate---and any Individual Members are warmly welcomed to attend. However, and needless to say, the courtesy of advance notice would be asked and appreciated. Telephone either '510-572-1511' or '925-825-0649'. *Thank You.*

2000 ELECTION

As required by our Association's Bylaws, this is an Election Year. Any Individual Member wishing to serve as an Executive Officer, one of the five listed on the cover page, is welcomed to run. The Bylaws do require that nominations be in writing, signed by the prospective candidate. One may nominate someone; but, he or she must, in writing, acknowledge and agree to the nomination, or someone may nominate him or herself. A ballot will be prepared later and mailed in September or October 2000, depending confirmation of nominations. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, please submit written nominations to 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'. Your Editor will serve as the receiver of same. *For the record*, please do note that all the current Executive Officers have expressed an interest in continuing in their respective position or another. *Also, When You Receive Your Ballot, Please VOTE!*

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club News and Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, and news releases from these following coin clubs. Please send your periodicals and club 'updates' to Your Editor for reporting and inclusion in NCNA HEADS AND TALES, as well as the California State Numismatic Association's quarterly CALCOIN NEWS. Mail the post office box given on cover page. *Thank You.*

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Remains active, meeting once-a-month at '*JJ Norths Grand Buffet, Banquet Room, 1315 Gateway Blvd., #D2, Solano Mall, Fairfield, California*'. Its meetings are always short, with minimum business, but with Show 'n Tells and Drawings, always for silver rounds. What Else! This Club has two special open meetings scheduled in the next few months. The first will be "*Sunday, May 7, 2000, at 11:00 AM, during the Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, in the Art Exhibit Room of the Solano County Building, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, at Highway 37 and Interstate 80, in Vallejo*". The second will be on '*Sunday, September 24, 2000 at the Fairfield Coin Club's Eleventh (11th) Annual Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show, at the Fairfield Community Center*'. Time Pending. Information on this Club may be contacted at '*PO Box 3518, Fairfield, California, 94533-0518*'.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Has two special announcements to report. *First*, this Society has a new mailing address, and it is '*PO Box 177, Concord, California, 94522-0177*', replacing the now closed Walnut Creek, California post office box. *Second*, its Fourth Contra Costa Coin Show will be '*Sunday, November 26, 2000, Thanksgiving weekend, at the Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, at corner of Willow Pass Road and Colfax, in downtown Concord, California*'. The new Bourse Coordinator for this Show will be MIKE STANLEY, and he may be reached at '*2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 94520-2232*' or telephoned at '*925-825-0649*'. At the February 17, 2000 meeting, MIKE FIORE, the Vice-President for this Society, spoke on 'Franklin: The Half Dollar and The Man', a talk derived from his Franklin Half Dollar collections and readings about Benjamin Franklin. At the prior January 20, 2000 meeting, in addition to the Installation of the new officers, STAN TURRINI, President, and MIKE STANLEY, Past President and Director, spoke on 'How To Become A Hobby Mentor'. The recent big event for the DNS was its Fortieth (40th) Anniversary, 1960--2000, held at the home of JAMES and LISA LAIRD, in Alamo, California. This catered dinner was a private affair and strictly upscale; even Your Editor, who did the duties of Master of Ceremonies (m/c), wore a tie! Special congratulations were expressed to the Society on its special anniversary from the American Numismatic Association (ANA). In recognition for his kind service and devotion to the Society, JAMES LAIRD was appointed the DNS's new Historian.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB Had "local philanthropist DOT-COM BILLIONAIRE" in attendance at its March 13, 2000 "in amazing almost unbelievably subtle disguise. He asked many interesting and challenging questions and awarded valuable coin, paper money, and other prizes to members...". It was reported that the top prize was One Billion Dollars (\$1,000,000,000), and the winner of this top prize, possibly spread over years with annual payments, was FRED G. van den HAAK, who decided to retain his machine shop and design career with Stanford University Hospital. It was reported that "this special event as a nice break from our normal meeting routine and made for a fun evening". It was not reported when, or if, this philanthropist will grace another PCC meeting. PCC members JIM SOUTHWARD and RICH DOUGLAS had the winning bids for the 1999 off-medals sets of the PCC medals, each at \$70.00. Proceeds into the Club's Treasury. The PCC will hold its annual Coin Show later this year on '*Sunday, November 12, 2000, at Palo Alto Elks Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino Real, in Palo Alto, California*'. This site is the same as its monthly meetings, and information on the Show may be contacted at '*PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, California, 94306-0484*'. Bourse Applications available shortly.

RENO COIN CLUB Our fellow coin hobbyists in The Silver State remain quite active, and did a nice courtesy for Your Editor by reprinting his January 2000 NCNA HEADS AND TALES Mintmaster's Quill in its March 2000 RENO CARTWHEEL. Thanks For The Gesture! LARRY DEMANGATE, in the same Issue, advocated that "remember, the cost of your Reno Coin Club membership affords you the opportunity to get opinions on coins that are potentially hazardous to our financial health whether the coins are counterfeit, whizzed, altered, or just plain over-graded. The best advise for the novice is 'get-a-second opportunity' ...If was can collectively put our heads together we can usually come to a solution. Combining this selling point, and membership education, could save you money over the long haul". RCC DAVE SHAPRIO presented a program on Chinese Coins and Currency at its February 1, 2000 meeting, and the March 7, 2000 meeting had a very learned program on an ancient coin hoard discovered near Corinth, Greece.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION Although the semiannual STAN-O-GRAM will be mailed later in June 2000, all local coin clubs are advised that in July 2000, American Numismatic Association (ANA) Regional Coordinator MICHAEL S. TURRINI will be coordinating two open meetings with the Representative Program: one in northern California and one in southern California Since specifics are yet to be finalized for either, Club Representatives and District Delegates are advised to forewarned and to contact the Regional Coordinator at 'PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410'.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Has for the second year donated numismatic reference books to local public and private schools in Vallejo and Benicia. BOB SATHER expedited the donations, which were funded by the Society's Annual Hopperstad White Elephant Memorial Auction. At the February 1, 2000 VNS meeting, STAN TURRINI and MIKE STANLEY did their highly respected 'How To Become A Hobby Mentor' talk, which invokes their collective experiences in this hobby, and at the March 1, 2000 meeting, MIKE FIORE gave his 'Franklin: The Half Dollar and The Man' talk. April 5, 2000 was this Society's Annual Other Hobbies Night, with STAN TURRINI highlighting the featured other hobby with his extensive Golden Gate International Exposition (GGIE) Collections. A full listing of the Other Hobbyists will be published in the September 2000 NCNA HEADS AND TALES. The immediate 'big-news; for the VNS is its Twenty-Eighth (28th) Annual Vallejo Coin and Collectibles Show, on 'Sunday May 7, 2000, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at a new site: Solano County Building, Art Exhibit Room, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive, at Highway 37 and Interstate 80, in northeast Vallejo, California'.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB Writes that is new Officers are: BILL BARTZ, President, MIKE STANLEY, Vice-President, STAN TURRINI, Secretary, and RUSSELL LEACH, Treasurer. STAN TURRINI has become Editor of the FCC'monthly newsletter. JOE SIRIOS, who has served a total of over ten years as the Club's President, step-down due to his retirement and health, and the Club's wishes him the best! SANDY BEARDEN, who has been the Club's Vice-President, Secretary, and Editor, due to career, also relinquished her position. The February 23, 2000 meeting had a Show 'n Tell theme of 'My First Coin'; yet, only person, longtime member ERNIE DRAKE, adhered to this theme: "circa 1951, first coins ever received from maternal grandfather, in the original box". The Club also held Bingo Night, called by STAN TURRINI, at its March 22, 2000 meeting, and Other Hobbies Night at its April 26, 2000 meeting. *The FCC Strives To Remain Active!* The FCC announces that its Eleventh (11th) Fairfield Coin and Collectibles Show will be 'Sunday, September 24, 2000, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Webster, off Pennsylvania, in downtown Fairfield'. Three groups are scheduled to gather at this Show: the Solano Silver Round Club (SSRC), the Western Wooden Money Club (WWMC), and the California Exonumist Society (CES). A full schedule will be published in the September 2000 NCNA HEADS AND TALES. Bourse Applications are now ready, and the Bourse Coordinator is BILL BARTZ, and he may be reached at 'PO Box 994, Fairfield, California, 94590-0094'.

DELTA COIN CLUB Held its Annual Dinner last January 14, 2000 at this Club's meeting site, St. Paul's Methodist Church, in Stockton, California. As was reported, Your Editor served as the Dinner's Master of Ceremonies (m/c) again, presiding and installed the new DCC Officers, presenting the assorted certificates and honors, and calling the bingo games, which this year was double to ten Silver Eagle prizes. MIKE STANLEY was awarded the Club's newest Life Membership, and DOUG DANIELS was honored with a special certificate from the American Numismatic Association. MIKE STANLEY joins, *in the first of the line*, these fellow living DCC Life Members: NORM PRUITT, CHARLES RICHESIN, SYD KASS, OZZIE CHAMBERLAIN, DOROTHY CHAMBERLAIN, LORIS ENZMINGER, HOWARD WESELY, KEVIN MALOY, RUBEN SMITH, III, EDWARD CARMAN, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, *also first in the line*, who designed and donated the place mats and did the Certificates for this Club. Some sixty-five (65) members and guests attended and enjoyed the evening. Present at this Annual Dinner was NORM PRUITT, who called the DCC's first meeting on January 23, 1956. A little tidbit of historical fact was that the original intended name for the Club was 'Central Valley Coin Club of California', which was changed to 'Delta Coin Club of California' when the first name had already been claimed by a now long-gone local coin club in Salinas, California. *Maybe Change Back Now?*

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Each Election Day must relocate its meetings from the Millbrae Library to the Millbrae Recreation Center, close by: "as a reward for coming to the meeting, President DAVID EVANS and Treasurer CHUCK WHITE gave everyone in attendance a pair of uncirculated 2000 Massachusetts Quarters, one from each Mint". President EVANS, at this relocated meeting, recognized fellow member RON BAUGHMAN, for "his consistent efforts in preparing the meeting room prior to each meeting". The LNS has a WebSite, and it is 'www.lns-coinclub.org'. *Try It.*

GATEWAY COIN CLUB This Club's COINNECTIONS April 2000 issue had a news scoop, abet local and numismatic. Here it is: "NEWS SCOOP! Our local transit system, The Bus, [Merced, California] will be using tokens for the first time sometime later this Spring. The tokens were produced by the Hoffman Mint, of Monterey, California, and were shipped to the local transit agency in January 2000. Currently, these tokens are all supposed to be under lock-and-key, but to the right is a picture of both sides of the new token [which was portrayed on page three of the April 2000 COINNECTIONS]. This one escaped the clutches of the Hoffman Mint, ended up in a wrong box, and was pulled from a container labeled 'Obsolete' tokens at the Western States Token Society (WESTS) Annual Show in Dublin, California, at the end of February. It will be probably be at least another month or two before any other members of the public see this token!". *Well, Folks, You Read It Here First!*

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Reports that its Six Hundredth (600th) Meeting will be later this year, in October. The Club will produce an encased coin, over a silver medal. More details will be reported in the September NCNA HEADS AND TALES. The RECC February 9, 2000 meeting was 'Book Night' with these participants: MERLE AVILA, ANITA SUYEYOSHI, SYDNEY PERLMAN, ED REINFELD, JONATHAN TRACY, HAROLD ROSE, LEE GONG, ANDREW GINTER, TERRY BORAWSKI, CHARILE CATLETT, COLLIN SMITH, and JACK FREE. As the RECC newsletter Editor emphasized: "Yeah, Yeah, Yeah. So I'm being a little repetitive. But, it can't be stressed enough how much there is to learn with this hobby of ours". The March RECC meeting was 'Corned Beef and Cabbage', catered by LEE GONG, who also brought a St. Patrick's cake. ANN NOLEN brought an Irish coin with a pig, which was her first coin purchase, to share. The food, festivity, and fun were well-worth the nominal \$5.00 charge. The most real happy winner in the RECC lately was longtime Treasurer HELEN ROBERTS, who claimed a Liberty Head Ten Dollar Gold Eagle as the prize in the Club's Six Month Membership/Attendance Drawing. This semiannual Drawing was held at the Club's Annual Show Dinner, Saturday, March 18, 2000, at Santa Rosa's Cattlemens Restaurant. *Great Luck!*

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB Heard BILL HIGGINS speak its March 8, 2000 meeting on Metal Detecting: "BILL talked about prospecting for lost coins and gold using a metal detector. BILL started prospecting back in June of 1972. He told us of metal detecting in various parks and construction sites. How it is important to ask for permission from the owners of private property. BILL went on to talk about panning for gold along the rivers in the Gold Country. Even how it is possible to use a metal detector in the shallow waters at the banks of the river. BILL told us that for a small yearly fee anyone can file and maintain a claim on public land along the California rivers, as long as the claim is actively worked and improved. All in all, the talk was very interesting and gave us a new way of looking for outdoor activities". At the February 9, 2000 meeting, as part of the Show 'n Tells, "CLYDE TULLER was the proud winner of a Cheerios premium \$100.00 Sacagewa prize. He brought in the Cheerios certificate that he found in the cereal box.". As also reported, "are you planning a trip to Vegas next, Clyde?". *What Luck!*

SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB Held its Annual Installation Dinner last January 12, 2000 at Spaghetti Factory in Roseville, California. Your Editor did the honors as the Master of Ceremonies (m/c), presiding and installing the new Officers. Honored guests included: STAN TURRINI, MIKE STANLEY, GORDON DONNELL, and DR. WALTER A. OSTROMECKI, JR., who flew-up from southern California. Special certificates for educational programs in 1999 were presented to DAVID HERR, JEFF SHELVIN, JERRY CARSMAN, MIKE STANLEY, and ED FULWIDER. DR. OSTROMECKI, in behalf of the American Numismatic Association (ANA), did four special recognitions to LARRY BRYANT, BUD BRAKOWIECKI, PHIL and VI ASHER, and ED and MARIANNE HOPKINSON. Also, receiving special thanks for their assistance during the year were BOB BRANDY and STEWARD HUCKABY. DAVID and NATALIE HERR organized and arranged the Installation Dinner, and STAN TURRINI designed and donated the commemorative place mats. The most recent semimonthly SVCC meeting speaker was CHUCK WHITE, with 'Indian Designs In American Coinage', at the March 22, 2000 meeting: "CHUCK has a collection of tokens, medals, and coins featuring 'Indian Visages'...he explained the Indian face shown on the coins was a composite of several faces...he also mentioned that the headdresses on the Indians were not always depicted accurately." CHUCK ended his fine presentation, noting that some local coin clubs have depicted Indians on their club medals, "because as CHUCK said it causes him to have to buy these!".

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY First, Congratulations To FNS President RANDY CLIFTON, and Editor of its monthly FRESNO NUMISMATIST, who new son, SAMUEL MARCEL, was delivered on March 1, 2000, a 3:21 PM. Now, has SAMUEL MARCEL joined the Fresno Numismatic Society? President CLIFTON was able to facilitate a program at the March 14, 2000 FNS meeting: "Well, it's a members participating program on different ways to collect coins. How is it going to work, I hope, is I will give a little talk on the different ways of collecting coins, present a few examples to illustrate along with a few goofy ways of mine that I collect. To make this program more interesting, I would like other members bring an example of their collecting interests, anything at all. Just some kind of example of where your interests lie, or of a special collecting project you're working on. I like there meetings where we get other members involved. I think it brings a unity among members that makes for a stronger club, so I hope people will participate". The April 11, 2000 meeting had FNS member ROBERT FITZPATRICK coordinating a video program on Paper Money. BILL FEBUARY, longtime booster for the Club, wrote a short article for the March FRESNO NUMISMATIST, appropriately titled 'Memories of the Large Size Currency I Have Owned', which ended: "The joy of collecting is in the eye of the beholder and I hope that I am a beholder. I enjoy owning Large Size Currency and feel collecting it is almost a last art, because of the many beautiful designs that were printed over the past one hundred years. We owe something to our Forefathers for their diligence in putting away these beautiful Notes for all of us to see and a few of us to own". *Nice Thoughts.*

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB Elected and has installed its 2000 Officers, and they are: BRUCE BRAGA, President, BILL PEAVEY, Vice-President, SPENCER MORGAN, Junior Vice-President, ROSE TYSON, Recording Secretary, and GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Treasurer. The Club also celebrated its Thirtieth (30th) Anniversary this April 2000, 1970-2000. January 14, 2000 meeting heard DAVID EVANS talking on Fractional Currency: "DAVID's talk was well-illustrated with examples from his collection. Thanks for a most interesting and informative presentation!". It was also reported that DAVID EVANS joined the CCC "after the vote on the Bylaw Amendment" to raise the dues to \$5.00 a year! The Sixth Annual Coin Predictions were published in the January 2000 COIN PRESS, the CCC's monthly newsletter, and among the five predictions was "The Statehood Quarter program will experience turmoil when the Governor of Georgia admits that his State never actually ratified the Constitution. 'Some clerk sent the form in as a joke', he explained, 'so we're not really even a state yet.'" Or, "Coin collecting, as we know it, will come to an end when Jay Parrio of 'The Mint' announces that he has purchased every United States coin minted before 1900". *Well, We Wait For January 2001's Predictions!*

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB Has heard three fine speakers recently: February 22, 2000, MICHAEL GLEYZER, Russian Coins, and March 28, 2000, DAVID EVANS and MARK W. CLARK, 'San Francisco and California So-Called Dollars'. Editor of the monthly SFCC's TWO CENTS WORTH remains MARK W. CLARK. The SFCC continues to meet on the *'Fourth Tuesday, at 7:30 PM, the main meeting room, of the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2800 Taraval, at 38th Avenue, in the Sunset District, of San Francisco'*.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB The LVCC March 12th Show expresses 'Thank You' to TOM SCHROEDER, JAMES LAIRD, DAVID EVANS, GORDON DONNELL, BO MORGAN, LENNY CABRAL, BOB STURN, HOWARD KOSANKE, and STEVE KRAMER, and "thank you to SHARON and SEAN KRAMER for counting all the raffle (drawing) tickets after the drawing, all one thousand six hundred ninety-four (1694)". Also, "A big round of applause to TOM SCHROEDER, CHUCK WHITE, STEVE KRAMER, ROGER LYLES, and JOHN SARTI for selling a hundred or more raffle (drawing) tickets for our Show". The LVCC also extends appreciation to MARY DIETRICH, for her generous donation to the Club, and to HOWARD KOSANKE, for his coin grading seminar.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB Had its 'Other Hobbies Night' at its February 23, 2000 meeting with these participants: "DEWEY MAGGARD presented his other hobby of Gems and Minerals. He showed a one carat sapphire ring from Montana. HAROLD BARNETT told us how he does volunteer work for the Society of Handicapped Adults, which makes recreational equipment for the disabled. HAL DEBOARD showed his collection of Baseball Cards and his First Place Plaques from his coin show exhibiting. LES SCHOOLCRAFT had a real nice collection of Old Railroad Pocket Watches. GIL JACKSON had a collection of Police Department Shoulder Patches and Campaign Buttons." The SCCC has its own WebSite: 'www.stancocoinclub.com'. *Clik It!*

VENTURA COUNTY COIN CLUB Writes that its 2000 Officers are: GORDON ROBERTS, President, JIM HARLOWE, Vice-President, RICK MORRIS, Treasurer, and WALT DELEU, Secretary, who is also its Editor. DR. WALTER A OSTROMECKI, JR, for the American Numismatic Association (ANA), attended the VCCC's Annual Christmas Dinner last December 1999 and presented awards to RICK 'Chef' MORRIS and WALT DELEU, who is also an ANA District Delegate. These VCCC members made contributions to the aforementioned Dinner: KETT's KOIN KASTLE, coin gifts, FLOYD and RETA SCHULZE, coin gifts, BOB ZURICK, cash donation, WALTER OSTROMECKI, coin gifts, RICK and MILLIE MORRIS, coin gifts and table settings, and JIM KARLSEN, coin gifts. This Club meets at the Dudley House, on North Ashwood Street, in Ventura, California. *Note: there is no street address for this House; but, its post office box is 'PO Box 6803, Ventura, California, 93006-6803'.*

COIN SHOW SCHEDULE

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- May 7, 2000 VALLEJO. Vallejo Numismatic Society 28th Annual Show, Solano County Building, Solano County Fairgrounds, 900 Fairgrounds Drive (at Highway 37 and Interstate 80), Vallejo. Bourse: Bob Keck, P.O. Box 4281, Vallejo, Ca. 94590. (Phone: 707-554-4088)
- May 21, 2000 RENO (Sparks). Reno Coin Club Annual Coin Show, American Legion Hall, 730 4th Street, Sparks, Nevada. Information: Dave Shapiro (775) 345-1604 or David Elliot (775) 746-2180.
- June 18, 2000 MERCED. Gateway Coin Club 27th Anniversary Coin Show Merced Senior Community Center, 15th and "O" Street, Merced. Bourse: Joel Anderson, P.O. Box 3101, Merced, Ca. 95344. Phone: (209) 722-5426 Admission \$1
- July 15-6, 2000 MODESTO. Stanislaus County Coin Club 11th Coin Show, Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 "L" Street, Modesto. Bourse: Sandy Woodward, P.O. Box 355, Turlock, Ca. 95381 Phone: (209) 668-3682
- July 16, 2000 SAN JOSE. Cupertino Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expressway, San Jose. Admission \$2 Bourse: Ken Barr, P.O. Box 32541, San Jose, Ca. 95152 Phone: (408) 272-3247.
- July 28-30, 2000 CONCORD. NorCal Invitational Coin Show *("N.C.N.A.") * [Formerly N.C.N.A. Jack Tar/Cathedral Hill Show]. Concord Sheraton Hotel, 45 John Glenn Drive off Concord Avenue and interstate 680, Concord. Bourse Info: Vince Lacariere (510) 792-1511
- August 20, 2000 FREMONT. Fremont Coin Club Annual Show, Elk's Hall, 38991 Farwell Drive, Fremont, Ca. Bourse: Vince LaCariere, P.O. Box 1401, Fremont, Ca. 94538.
- Sept. 17, 2000 ALAMEDA. Alameda Coin Club Coin Show, Alameda Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda. Bourse: Don Barsi, P.O. Box 7989, Fremont, Ca. 94537.

- Sept. 24, 2000 FAIRFIELD. Fairfield Coin Club 11th Annual Coin Show. Fairfield Community Center, 1000 Kentucky at Pennsylvania, Fairfield. Bourse/ Info: Jan Henke @ 707-427-0482 or Bill Bartz @ 707-435-8751.
- Oct. 21-2, 2000 STOCKTON. Delta Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Eagle's Hall, 1492 Bourbon Street, Stockton. Bourse: Ruben Smith III, P.O. Box 5787, Stockton, Ca. 95205 Phone: (209) 982-5961, e mail: rubenIII@go.com
- Oct. 28-9, 2000 FRESNO. Fresno Numismatic Society 33rd Annual Coin Show, Las Palmas Masonic Hall, 2992 E. Clinton Avenue, Fresno. Bourse: Ruth Phillips, 227 N. Duke Ave., Fresno, Ca. 93727. (Admission \$1)
- Nov. 12, 2000 PALO ALTO. Peninsula Coin Club Annual Coins and Collectibles Show, Elk's Lodge #1471, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Bourse: Fred van den Haak, P.O. Box 60484, Palo Alto, Ca. 94306.
- Nov. 26, 2000 CONCORD. Diablo Numismatic Society Annual Contra Costa Coin Show, Concord Veterans Memorial Building, 2290 Willow Pass Road, Concord. Bourse: Mike Stanley Phone: (925) 825-0649
- Dec. 10, 2000 CHICO. North Valley Coin Club, 19th Annual Coin Show, The New Chico Masonic Family Center, 1110 W. East Ave. Chico. Bourse: Kevin Zeitler, P.O. Box 528, Oroville, Ca. 95965. Phone: (530) 533-0438